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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CZECH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. CZECHOSLOVAK FONMIN CHNOUPEK PAID OFFICIAL VISIT TO NETHERLANDS NOV 17-20, DURING WHICH HE CALLED ON QUEEN JULIANA, PRIMIN DEN UYL, AND FONMIN VAN DER STOEL. (COMMUNIQUE BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT AND PRAGUE.)

2. VAN DER STOEL VOLUNTEERED TO AMBASSADOR THAT CHNOUPEK HAD STRUCK HIM AS RATHER PRAGMATIC AND NOT PROFOUNDLY INTERESTED IN IDEOLOGY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, MINISTER INDICATED CZECH FONMIN HAD PROMISED TO IMPLEMENT IN FULL BASKET III PROVISIONS. WHILE THIS REACTION SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGING, VAN DER STOEL SAID HE

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STILL WANTED TO SEE WHAT CZECHS WOULD ACTUALLY DO BEFORE EXPRESS-

ING OPINION ON WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY PROGRESS UNDER CSCE.

3. IN ADDITION TO CSCE, DISCUSSIONS TOUCHED ON MBFR, DISARMAMENT, THE UN, MIDDLE EAST AND CYPRUS, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. ACCORDING TO MFA DIRECTOR FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, VISIT AND DISCUSSIONS WERE MOST UNEXCEPTIONAL. VAN DER STOEL EXPRESSED GREAT DISTASTE FOR ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION AT UN AND REJECTED CHNOUPEK'S ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PLO.

4. ON BILATERAL SIDE, FONMINS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. ONLY SURPRISE FOR DUTCH WAS THAT IMMEDIATELY UPON SIGNATURE CZECHS PRESENTED A LIST OF SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH THEY THOUGHT COOPERATION POSSIBLE AND PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMISSIONS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION. DUTCH WERE UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SETTING UP SUBCOMMISSIONS. CZECHS ALSO PRESENTED COPY OF A DRAFT JOINT DECLARATION ON "FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND MUTUAL COOPERATION," WHICH MFA UNDERSTANDS ALSO WAS PROPOSED IN PARIS AND BRUSSELS BY CHNOUPEK. DUTCH TOOK IT, MADE NO COMMENT, AND MATTER NEVER CAME UP AGAIN. DUTCH DO NOT PROPOSE COMMENT ON IT UNLESS CZECHS RAISE IT LATER SINCE IT TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE "SOVIET RUBBISH." (COPY POUCHED DEPARTMENT AND PRAGUE.)
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